



Consultant: Wendy Strobe-Ross

Month: APRIL

FAMILY DAY: "GET YOUR GAME ON IN 2015" – GRREC – APRIL 25 from 10:00-12:00



David Wickstrom, President of Beep Baseball Kentucky, will be speaking and doing hands-on presentations of Beep Baseball and Goalball. Students will be actively participating! Face painting and crafts as well! Lunch will be provided WKU's BIG RED will be making an appearance from 10:30-11:30 for photos with the kids!

WKU giveaways available as well!



BLUEBIRD COMMUNITY CENTER "OLD ALVATON GYM"
6350 H. OLD ALVATON RD. (ACROSS FROM THE FIRE STATION)
ALVATON, KY 42122

CADRE MEETINGS:

Cadre Meeting have not been scheduled for the 2015-16 school year yet, but I will let you know those dates as soon as they become available.

Thank you so much for allowing your TVI's to attend the meetings and trainings. This is the only time that they are able to collaborate with other TVI's to share and gather information.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE/MENTORING PROVIDED TO DISTRICTS

Mentoring 3 new TVI's this year!
Hancock Co. is currently enrolled in the UK program

Districts served in some capacity:

Meade

Allen

Hancock

Green

Simpson

Clinton

Mclean

Owensboro Ind.

Monroe

Warren

UPCOMING EVENTS AND TRAININGS:

******GATEWAYS Conference at Kentucky School for the Blind**

When: July 14-16

July 14: Pam Howard, KSB Outreach Consultant, and Cindy Queen, Lawrence County TVI, will present on Blind and Visually Impaired Continuum from Assessment to Progress Monitoring.

July 15-16: Frances Mary D'Andrea and Mary Nelle McLennan will present on Unified English Braille (UEB). The first day will include the rationale for the change and hands on training. Topics of the second day may include UEB for math, instructional practices, the implementation of our state plan, and resources.

IT IS NOTED THAT BY JANUARY 4TH, 2016, EVERY TEACHER OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED IN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY MUST BE TRAINED IN THE UEB BRAILLE CODE. THE JULY 15-16 WILL BE THE ONLY HANDS-ON TRAINING AVAILABLE. THE OTHER OPTIONS ARE: VERIFICATIONS THROUGH HADLEY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND OR NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY – BOTH VERIFICATIONS ARE FREE AND ONLINE.

REGISTRATION FOR GATEWAYS WILL BE SENT SOON BY KENTUCKY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

Where: Kentucky Office for the Blind-Charles W. McDowell Rehabilitation Center

WHAT: Two NEW Transition programs

***Pre-Employment Skills Training:** A four week structured learning program designed by Dr. Karen Wolfe to prepare high school students who are blind or visually impaired for the world of work (Organizational skills and time management, Self-Awareness, Work Exploration, Job Seeking Skills, Job Keeping Skills)

***Blindness Skills Training (Braille, Assistive Technology, Orientation and Mobility, Home and Financial Management)**

WHEN: July 6-31, 2015

WHO: Juniors and Seniors that have an active case with Office for the Blind

Applications will be available through Teachers of the Visually Impaired and the Office for the Blind website. If you need an application or more information, contact Janell Turner at OFB at 800-321-6668 janellk.turner@ky.gov or Peggy Sinclair-Morris at 502-897-1583 or peggy.sinclair-morris@ksb.kyschools.us

*KSB and Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) are partnering and planning for **the 2015 Family Conference and Retreat: Around the World in 24 hours**. The retreat will be held at the Kentucky School for the Blind in Louisville....stay tuned for more details on this fun and exciting event! Questions? Contact Mitch Dahmke, Family Support Specialist, at 502-897-1583 extension 7104.

KENTUCKY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND NEWS:

Information regarding Kentucky School for the Blind and Outreach can be found at www.ksb.kyschools.us

-Weekly Wildcat link

-Outreach link for KIMRC services or Outreach Services

***REMINDER that if your students need to order textbooks from KIMRC, the orders need to go in as soon as possible for preparation for next year.**

LOW VISION CLINICS:

Low Vision Dates for 2015-16:

September 18th -19th –KEDC Ashland – 12 students

October 23rd -24th – Kentucky School for the Blind – 12 students

December 4th - Paducah – 8 students

January 22nd – 23rd – Kentucky School for the Blind - 12 students

February 12th – 13th – GRREC, Bowling Green – 12 students

March 18th – Scott County – 6 students

April 22nd – Kentucky School for the Blind – 6 students

May 13th – Kentucky School for the Blind – 6 students (snow day make-up)

*It is noted that the procedure for the Low Vision Clinic MUST be written in the conference summary and permission granted on the Evaluation Planning Form. *A KIMRC eye form MUST be within one calendar year of the low vision date in order for Dr. Mejia to complete the evaluation.

Eye report: 1/15/14 for the Low Vision Exam scheduled in Bowling Green on Feb 12/13th is unacceptable. The eye report must be within one calendar year.

We need to take advantage of the Low Vision Clinic coming to Bowling Green! Let's try to fill our 12 slots with the most needed students in our region!

Contact connie.hill@ksb.kyschools.us for more information.



Participating in a great day at Plano Elementary in Warren County for their Job Fair!



Warren County's own Braden Ussery speaking at Western Kentucky University's SPED 330 (Intro to Special Ed) classes. He discussed being visually impaired and also demonstrated his technology! Way to go Braden for using his self-advocacy skills!

KSB Vision Statement:

"Empowering Students who are Blind and Visually Impaired to Command their Future"



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